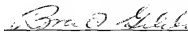


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Application Serial No: 10/751,354 **Confirmation No.** 2231
Date Filed: January 5, 2004
Application Title: Active Esters Of N-Substituted Piperazine Acetic Acids,
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Applicants: Dey et al.
Group Art Unit: 1624
Examiner: Ebenezer O. Sackey
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir or Madam:

This response is being forwarded to the Office within the six month statutory period, along with a request for, and payment of the proper fee for, a two (2) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). With the extension, a reply is now due on or before Monday, August 27, 2007 (August 26, 2007 being a Sunday). Accordingly, please consider the following response to the Office Action mailed on March 26, 2007.

An amendment to the claims begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 17.